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PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

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*On the Cover:  
Courthouse, WPB  
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Bill LaFlamme*

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- **January 20** Investiture of Judge Robert Panse
- **January 25** Judge Gregory Keyser appointed to Circuit Court
- **February 29** Passing of former Judge I. C. Smith
- **March 1** Judge Jeffrey Colbath receives Alumni Award
- **May 18** Daliah Weiss appointed to County Court
- **May 12** Judge David French receives South County Outstanding Jurist Award
- **May 24** Judge Ronald Alvarez receives North County Outstanding Jurist Award
- **June 20** Judge Krista Marx receives the Davis Productivity Award
- **August 24** Investiture of Judge Daliah Weiss
- **September 7** Judge Kathleen Kroll receives William E. Gladstone Award
- **December 19** Jeffrey Gillen appointed to Circuit Court
- **December 23** Judge John Hoy retires
- **December 27** Judge Nelson Bailey retires
- **December 31** Magistrate Scher retires

*Best wishes to  
Judges and staff for  
a happy and  
healthy 2013!*



## RETIREMENT OF JUDGE JOHN HOY

**Judge John Hoy** retired December 23, 2012, after 22 years as a Circuit Court Judge in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

Judge Hoy was elected to the bench in 1990. Prior to his election, Judge Hoy was a partner in the law firm Davis, Hoy, Carroll & Isaacs, P.A. He earned his BA at Duke University and Juris Doctorate at Toledo Law School.

Before earning his law degree, Judge Hoy joined the Peace Corps and spent time volunteering in Niger and Morocco, both in West Africa. After eight months in France he returned to the United States to attend law school.



*Judge Hoy  
faithfully served  
the citizens of Palm Beach  
County  
for many years.  
He has earned his  
retirement  
and can take pleasure  
in knowing  
that during his career  
he helped resolve cases  
of every kind  
in all divisions of the  
court.*

*Chief Judge Peter D. Blanc*

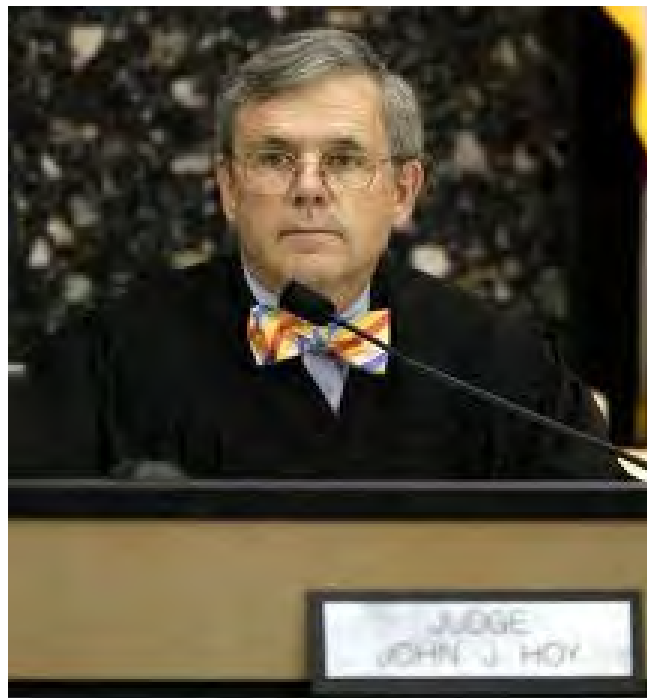


Photo above: Palm Beach  
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## RETIREMENT OF JUDGE NELSON BAILEY

**Judge Nelson Bailey** retired December 23, 2012, after serving 17 years as a County Court Judge in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.

Judge Bailey was initially appointed to the bench as a County Judge in 1995 by Governor Lawton Chiles. Prior to his judicial appointment, Judge Bailey was a private criminal defense attorney and from 1970 -1973 was Assistant Attorney General of Florida. He earned his Bachelor of Arts and Juris Doctorate at Florida State University.



Photos  
courtesy of  
Judge Bailey



### Footnote:

An advocate of the “rich history of Florida,” Judge Bailey for a number of years was listed in the Directory of American Storytellers as a Teller of Florida Stories. Once a year, for 18 years in a row, he and approximately 100 other riders, rode from Fort Pierce to Bradenton in the annual Florida Cracker Ride to commemorate the early cattle drives.

*Judge Bailey brought to the bench a unique perspective and a tremendous respect for our local history.*

*His love of Florida combined with his love of the law made him well suited to dispense justice to the citizens we serve.*

*He was a perfect fit for Belle Glade where he was well known and well respected.*

*We are all pleased to know that he will continue to serve the entire community as a senior judge.*

*Chief Judge Peter D. Blanc*



## JEFFREY GILLEN APPOINTED TO CIRCUIT COURT

12/19/2012

Tallahassee, Fla. –Governor Rick Scott has appointed Jeffrey D. Gillen, of West Palm Beach as judge of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court.

Gillen, 61, has served as the statewide appeals director for the Department of Children and Families since 2008. Previously, Gillen handled dependency cases with the Department of Children and Families from 1997-2008. Gillen managed his father's business, Gillen Development Corporation from 1990-1997 and co-managed Gillen Broadcasting Corporation from 1987-1990. Gillen was a partner with Harder, Silber & Gillen from 1980-1987. From 1978-1980 he practiced with General Foods Corporation and from 1976-1978 he practiced with Robert H. Jones, III. He received his bachelor's degree from Denison University and his law degree from Syracuse University.

"Jeff has dedicated the majority of his professional life to serve Florida's families," Governor Scott said. "I am confident that he will bring the same service and sense of fairness and integrity to the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit bench."

Gillen will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge John H. Hoy.

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### Judge Ronald Alvarez Receives Goldstein Award

The Harriet Goldstein Children's Day Award, named after long time board member and child advocate Harriet Goldstein, recognizes and honors people who are making a difference in the lives of families and children in Palm Beach County. This year, the award was presented to **Judge Ron Alvarez** and his wife, Elaine Alvarez. Judge Alvarez and Mrs. Alvarez have spent their lives advocating for the rights and welfare of children and have made a positive and lasting impact on the youth of Palm Beach County.



## Joint Resolution of South Florida Voluntary Bar Associations Regarding Lawyer Civility

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2011, the Florida Supreme Court amended the oath of admission to the Florida Bar to include a pledge of “fairness, integrity, and civility” to the court and opponents “in all written and oral communications” (the “Oath of Civility”);

WHEREAS, voluntary bar associations throughout South Florida, including those listed in the attached Addendum<sup>1</sup> (the “South Florida VBAs”), recognize that many attorneys maintain inter-county practices where they appear before state and federal courts, government agencies, arbitrators, and other quasi-judicial forums throughout South Florida;

WHEREAS, the South Florida VBAs acknowledge that a joint effort to promote the Oath of Civility on a regional level will help promote a more uniform standard of civility and consistent application of standards of professional courtesy across the South Florida counties;

WHEREAS, the South Florida VBAs recognize that their effort to promote the Oath of Civility within their respective counties should attempt to reach members and non-members of the South Florida VBAs to ensure that the message of civility is disseminated to all attorneys practicing within the VBA's counties and not just to active members of the VBAs;

WHEREAS, the successful promotion of the Oath of Civility requires the active participation of, and communication from, the South Florida VBAs to the attorneys in their respective communities; and  
WHEREAS, the South Florida VBAs recognize that it is important to have the South Florida courts, through their respective Chief Judges, affirm and agree to support this resolution together with the South Florida VBAs.

### IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

The South Florida VBAs jointly resolve that they shall work together to actively promote the Oath of Civility and adherence to accepted standards of professional courtesy across the South Florida VBAs' respective counties;

The South Florida VBAs hereby resolve to jointly promote the above through a series of articles, seminars, membership lunches, press releases, and correspondence directed to members and non-members of the South Florida VBAs' respective counties; and

The South Florida VBAs, through their respective Officers, Boards of Directors, and Professionalism Committees, shall work with the Chief Judges of South Florida's courts to promote the above in a manner most likely to improve civility awareness and adherence to accepted standards of professional courtesy.

The South Florida VBAs resolve to promote the Oath of Civility and adherence to accepted standards of professional courtesy to attorneys appearing before the state and federal courts, government agencies, arbitrators and other quasi-judicial forums throughout South Florida.

**Endorsed by Chief Judge Peter D. Blanc**

# JUDICIAL ROTATION 2013

DIVISION	2012 ASSIGNMENT	2013 ASSIGNMENT	CHAMBERS/COURTROOM
CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION			
AB	J. Kastrenakes	J. Gillen	11.1204/11-B
AD	D. French	G. Keyser	11.1215/11-D
AE	T. McCarthy	E.Fine	9.1208/9-B
AJ	R.Rosenberg (postponed 60 days)	J. Marx	10.1204/10-A
AN	S. McSorley	J. Cox	10.1216/10-C
JUVENILE DIVISION			
CJ/DP	N. Bailey	J. Martz	Belle Glade
FAMILY DIVISION			
FA	J. Cox	R. Scher	6.2207/6K
FI	G.Keyser	K. Marx	North County /4
FW	N. Bailey	J. Martz	Belle Glade
FY	R. Scher	D. French	South County/2
FZ	J. Martz	T. McCarthy	South County /3
PROBATE & GUARDIANSHIP DIVISION			
II	G. Keyser	K. Marx	North County /4
IX	R. Scher	D. French	South County/2
IZ	J. Martz	Temp. Closed	South County/3
CIRCUIT CRIMINAL DIVISION			
R	J. Marx	R. Rosenberg	10.2214/10-E
X	K. Miller	S. McSorley	10.2215/10-F
TD	E. Fine	J. Kastrenakes	11.2204/11-G
TD(2)	J. Hoy	K. Miller	10.2204/10-H
T/KK2/KD	K. Marx	J. Martz	Gun Club
Y	N. Bailey	J. Kastrenakes	Belle Glade
COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION			
RB	C. Shepherd	T. Booras	6.2204/6-M
RA	N. Bailey	P. Evans	Belle Glade
RS/South County Fam. TD	D. Weiss	E. Garrison	South County /5
COUNTY CRIMINAL DIVISION			
B	P. Evans	L. Hanser	TBD/2-E
KK1	T. Booras	C. Shepherd	Gun Club/1
D	L. Hanser	D. Weiss	South County/1
BG/WI	N. Bailey	P. Evans	Belle Glade



# NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY

November 1, 2012 was a happy day in the Fifteenth Circuit as families opened their hearts and homes to children in need of adoption. This year, Palm Beach County was selected as the kickoff for National Adoption Day events throughout the state. Festivities began in the cafeteria with food and entertainment, including a magician, clown, caricaturist, and face painting.

The opening ceremony included comments from **Chief Judge Peter Blanc** and guest speakers: Secretary David Wilkins, Department of Children and Families; Zackary Gibson, Florida's Chief Child Advocate; Tanya Wilkins, Volunteer Advocate for Foster Care & Adoption; and Jim Sackett, former WPTV News Channel 5 Anchor. This year's recipient of the Jim Sackett Adoption Advocate Award was presented to Rick Sexton, who has adopted five children. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the Juvenile Judges finalized several adoptions and families were given the opportunity to spend time with the Judges and take photos.

The event was hosted by Court Administration and coordinated by representatives from the following agencies: Children's Home Society, ChildNet, Inc., Department of Children and Families, Foster Children's Project, Governor's Office of Adoption and Children Protection, Guardian ad Litem Program, Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, Palm Beach County Bar Association.

The Fifteenth Circuit would like to extend a special "thank you" to the Judges and Magistrate who participated in this year's event: **Judge Ronald Alvarez, Judge Moses Baker Jr., Judge Donald Hafele, Judge Kathleen Kroll and Magistrate Judette Fanelli.**



L-r: Judge Ronald Alvarez, Judge Kathleen Kroll, Chief Judge Peter Blanc, Judge Moses Baker, Judge Donald Hafele



Judge Hafele



Judge Baker



Judge Kroll



Judge Alvarez



## VETERANS' COURT

On November 15, 2012, the Fifteenth Circuit celebrated the two year anniversary of Veterans' Court (VA Court). VA Court is unique in that it is aimed at assisting veterans, charged with nonviolent minor charges, and allows the Court to tie into existing Federally funded veterans' services thereby creating no fiscal impact on the County or State.

At the anniversary event, the attendees were welcomed by **Chief Judge Peter Blanc**. Judge Blanc noted that the good work of the VA Court has resulted in visits by several other Florida circuits seeking to institute a similar program. **Judge Ted Booras**, the presiding Judge of the VA Court, thanked the Chief Judge for creating the Committee that he tasked with designing and implementing a Veterans' Court and for selecting him to preside over the Court.

Also at the ceremony, Ms. Charlene Szabo, Director of Veterans Health Care Administration and Carla-Paula DaSilvia, Veterans' Justice Outreach Coordinator, were honored by Judge Booras for their dedication to the veterans and for their work with screening and evaluating the veterans for appropriate services. Additionally, the lead mentors, Roy Foster and Jerry Klein were thanked for their efforts in overseeing the Volunteer Mentor program. This program trains volunteers to assist the VA litigant successfully complete the services mandated by the Court and to act as mentors.



Chief Judge Peter Blanc

### FYI

Veterans' Court was created November 11, 2010 pursuant to Administrative Order 4.905-11/10, signed by Chief Judge Peter D. Blanc. The following statistics are current, as of October 30, 2012:

**478** Veterans have been connected or re-engaged with the Veterans Health Care Administration; this represents **623** cases, of those cases **324** have been closed.

**28** Veterans were identified as homeless and housed in a Health Care for Homeless Veterans Contract Program;

**18** Veterans have obtained gainful employment via the Compensated Work Therapy Program.

**82** Veterans successfully completed a substance abuse treatment program; of those who successfully completed a substance abuse treatment program **5** were re-arrested.

**88** Veterans have been assigned Mentors;

The cost of pretrial incarceration has been reduced by **82%**



Judge Ted Booras (center) with the volunteer mentors.

### Judge Ted Booras Judges Bake Off

On October 13, 2012, the Palm Beach Bar Association held its third annual bake off contest. This year's winner was Carla Glover, who notably came in second place last year. Judging for the third year was County Court **Judge Ted Booras**. Judge Booras admits that it is a rough assignment but someone must do it.



### Girl Scouts visit Magistrate Maxine Williams

On October 4, 2012, **Magistrate Maxine Williams**, hosted Girl Scout Troop 21041:

It was my pleasure to meet with and discuss some of the work I do with Girls Scout Troop 21041. I welcomed the opportunity to answer their questions about the legal profession. The girls are intelligent, energetic and a delight to be around. Kudos to the Troop parents and leaders including Tina Campbell and Kim Rommel-Enright, Esq., who have done a wonderful job with this group of girls.  
-Magistrate Maxine Williams





### Delinquency Drug Court Graduation

Delinquency Drug Court celebrated another graduate from its program. Participants, family members, advocates, Drug Court Team members, stakeholders and community members were present to recognize the participant's accomplishment. Judge Alvarez provided the Court attendees with an overview of the graduate's life history and presented the graduate with a certificate of completion.

A 501c3 non-profit organization, "Making Every Day Count, Inc.," has been established to help support the Delinquency Drug Court and Family Drug Court programs. The Board of Directors are committed to supporting the Drug Courts and to that end are planning fund raising events in 2013.



Judge Alvarez with graduate, reading her speech.

### Drug Court Program 12th Anniversary

The Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Palm Beach County Drug Court is proud to announce the award of the 2012 Peter Fairclough Memorial Recognition Award to its coordinator, Dorrie Tyng. Recipients of this award represent the Comprehensive Alcoholism Rehabilitation Program (CARP) vision to improve the availability of quality treatment services for chemically dependent

persons and their families, having directly or indirectly contributed to the overall advancement, improvement and expansion of treatment services. Ms. Tyng was honored at CARP's Annual Holiday Gala held on December 9, 2012.



l-r: Dr John Archinapura, Dorrie Tyng, Robert Bozzone

On November 15, 2012, the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Drug Court, led by **Judge Krista Marx**, celebrated its 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Since its inception, the Court has graduated over 1,300 participants. This occasion was recognized with a luncheon for the Drug Court Team.

### Family Drug Court Graduation

Family Drug Court held a graduation ceremony on December 19. Judge Kathleen Kroll presented two graduates with their certificates and gave each the opportunity to share their experiences with the drug court. All the graduates were reunited with their children.



### Magistrate Joy Shearer Retires

Magistrate Joy Shearer retired December 31, 2012 after 23 years as a Magistrate in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. During her tenure, she presided over Family Law hearings, Marchman Acts, Baker Acts, Guardianship Contempt hearings, Judicial Reviews of Children in Foster Care, and Department of Revenue cases child support cases. Prior to joining the Circuit, Magistrate served as an Assistant Attorney General and as a Staff Attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County. She obtained her Juris Doctor with Honors, from the University of Florida, and her bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University.



l-r: Magistrates Judette Fanelli, Sara Alijewicz, Maxine Williams, Joy Shearer, Diane Kirigin, Tom Baker

### Mediation Training

On Friday, October 19, 2012, the ADR Office of the Fifteenth Circuit held a training for the volunteer County Court mediators.

At the gathering Stan Furer, a long time volunteer with the Circuit, was presented with a recognition plaque for his years of service by **Chief Judge Peter Blanc**. County Court Judges who have benefitted from Mr. Furers's volunteer mediation services were present to thank him for his work, including **Judges Nancy Perez and Gregory Keyser**.



L-r: Judge Nancy Perez, Stan Furer, Chief Judge Peter Blanc, Judge Gregory Keyser.

### Judges Tour Juvenile Justice Facilities

On November 5, the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) coordinated a tour of residential facilities in Circuits 15 and 19.

**Judge Kathleen Kroll, Judge Ronald Alvarez and Judge Donald Hafele** were part of a group from Palm Beach County who participated in the all day event. In addition to the Judges, members of the juvenile justice community met at the Palm Beach County Regional Detention Center to begin the day. The groups were transported in the youth vans by DJJ. The tour included visits to the Martin County Girls Academy, Okeechobee Juvenile Offender Corrections Center, Okeechobee Youth Development Center, Okeechobee Girls Academy, and the Palm Beach Juvenile Correctional Facility.



### Court Directors Attend Leadership Training

On November 2, 2012, Directors of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit attended an all day training event designed to promote leadership skills, professional growth, and team building. The event was funded in part by Court Education funds, and organized for the Directors by Court Administrator Barbara Dawicke. Trainer, Mary T. Curtis, used techniques she acquired through “improv” along with more traditional leadership training techniques to provide an inspirational and interactive workshop to assist management in their effort to improve communication and collaboration, and motivate their staff.



l-r: Tara Kranz, Unified Family Court Manager; Barbara Dawicke, Court Administrator; Michelle Spangenberg, Director of Case Management; Devon Mugridge, Civil Court Operations Manager; Dorrie Tyng, Drug Court; Mary Quinlan, Chief Deputy Court Administrator; Bill Moreno, ADR/Mediation; Magistrate Diane Kirigin; Linda Sims, Law Library Manager; Janet Leach-Ruth, Finance and Accounting Manager;. 1st row: Tehera Smith-Granger, Court Operations Manager; Amy Borman, General Counsel; Cristy Altaro, Juvenile Manager; Melissa Sotillo, Court Reporting Manager. Not pictured: Debra Oats-Ducram, Court Operations Consultant. Not pictured: Sara Blumberg, Hearing Officer Program; Noel Chessman, Court Technology Officer.

### Law Librarians Host Annual Conference

The Fifteenth Circuit Law Librarians, Linda Sims and Sara Jones, hosted the 35th annual conference of the Florida State Court and County Law Librarians (FSCCLL), October 11-13, 2012.

The Conference, entitled “E-this and E-that” emphasized information on e-filing. Magistrate Diane Kirigin and Civil Traffic Hearing Officer, Sara Blumberg, made presentations to the attendees.

The Conference attendees consisted of county law librarians from across the State. Also in attendance were librarians from the Florida Supreme Court and federal libraries.



Sara Jones (fourth from left) is sworn in as President of FSCCLL for 2013 by Magistrate Diane Kirigin (right)

## NEW ATTORNEY BREAKFAST

On November 16, 2012, the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, in conjunction with the Professionalism Committee of the Palm Beach County Bar Association, held its second annual "New Attorney Breakfast" for Palm Beach County attorneys who either passed the Florida Bar exam in 2012 or who relocated to Palm Beach County in 2012. The goal of the breakfast was to introduce the new attorneys to the judiciary, familiarize the attorneys with the Main Courthouse, and highlight the numerous voluntary bar associations.

General Counsel, Amy Borman, opened the event by explaining the importance of professionalism and establishing a positive reputation. Speaking to the audience of over 75 new attorneys, **Chief Judge Peter Blanc** and **Administrative Judges, Ronald Alvarez, Glenn Kelley, August Bonavita, Thomas Barkdull, III, and Diana Lewis** explained divisional specifics and the "do's and don'ts of practicing in each of the divisions represented.

The importance of professionalism and abiding by the rules of conduct were emphasized by **Florida Supreme Court Justice Jorge Labarga**, who also explained the Florida Supreme Court's attorney disciplinary process. Lastly, each voluntary bar association spent a few minutes detailing its goals and purpose and encouraging membership as a means to help a new attorney navigate the legal field.



r: Justice Labarga. Seated at table: l-r: Chief Judge Peter Blanc, Judges Ronald Alvarez, Glenn Kelley, Diana Lewis, August Bonavita



New attorneys listen to the presentation.

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## Process Server Training

Annual certification and renewal training was held for more than 300 Certified Process Servers in the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit. General Counsel, Amy Borman, led the recertification training, informing the process servers on legislation changes and case law updates. Process Servers serve non enforceable initial process within the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit.



Amy Borman leads the recertification training for process servers.

For more information on Certified Process Servers go to:  
[www.15thcircuit.com/processservers](http://www.15thcircuit.com/processservers).



## COLUMBUS DAY TRAINING

The Fourth Annual Columbus Day in-house training for court staff was held on October 8, 2012. Trial Court Administrator, Barbara Dawicke, assembled a variety of training sessions designed to help staff improve their skills in an enjoyable and relaxed atmosphere.

**Chief Judge Peter D. Blanc** welcomed the Columbus Day attendees and thanked everyone for their continued service for the good of the Circuit and the citizens of Palm Beach County. Immediately following Judge Blanc, the Plenary speaker, Dr. Mimi Hull, presented on “Why You Do What You Do.”

After the Plenary, attendees separated out into training sessions that addressed improving work skills, to improving one’s health, such as yoga with Priyanka Shanbag, to informational sessions such as Florida History by **Judge Nelson Bailey**.

Columbus Day training in 2013 will held on Monday, October 14.



**Chief Judge Peter D. Blanc** (above) welcomed employees and thanked them for their continuous hard work.



Dr. Mimi Hull, Ph. D. facilitates the Plenary Session  
“Why You Do What You Do.”



Judge Nelson Bailey teaches “Florida History”



Magistrate Diane Kirigin teaches “Working with Pro Se Litigants”

## COLUMBUS DAY TRAINING: (CONT.)



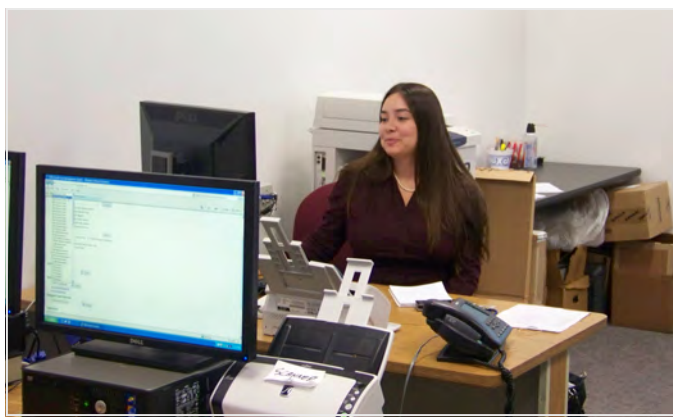
Court staff introduce themselves during the breakfast.



Sara Blumberg teaches "Know Your Traffic IQ"



Noel Chessman teaches Excel



Paula Carvajal teaches "ICMS Tips and Tricks"



David Cronin teaches "Stress Relief & Meditation"



Priyanka Shanbag teaches yoga poses



### “Caring Canines” Appreciation Event

The Circuit’s therapy dog program, Caring Canines, held an appreciation event on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 for the volunteer dog and handler teams.

**Judge Ronald Alvarez** and Magistrate **Judette Fanelli** welcomed everyone and acknowledged the benefit the program has brought to families involved in the court system. The program will soon reach its one year anniversary.



### Holiday Luncheon

Court Administration hosted the annual Holiday lunch on December 6th. At the Holiday lunch, Magistrate **Joy Shearer**, who retires on December 28, 2012, was recognized for her contributions to the Circuit and awarded a plaque to commemorate her years of service as a Magistrate from 1989-2012.

Also during the lunch, the Court Administrator donated holiday gift bags for 10 lucky door prize winners.



l-r: Jacquie Marshburn, Rhonda Dardashti, Rich Hanie, Omar Rodriguez, Barbara Dawicke, Joey Everett, Cathy Dore, Jakobie Alexander

### Giving Thanks

The Fifteenth Judicial Circuit judicial assistants and staff collected canned goods and other foods for the “Thanksgiving Food Drive” sponsored by Channel 5 news.

In appreciation of their contributions to the food drive, Barbara Dawicke and all of the Circuit Directors hosted a “Pie and Dessert Thank you” event. The Court Administrator and Directors donated desserts and served the desserts to the JAs and staff as a token of the Circuit’s appreciation.



l-r: Court Administration Directors: Janet Leach-Ruth, Germaine English, Debra Oats, Michelle Spangenberg, Tara Kranz, Melissa Sotillo.

# VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Court Administration hosted two Volunteer Appreciation Day events – one at the South County Courthouse on December 3 and one at the Main Judicial Complex on December 5.

Both events included a catered breakfast and an awards presentation, with certificates and lapel pins for the volunteers' dedicated service to the public.

**Chief Judge Peter D. Blanc** delivered an appreciation speech to the volunteers who attended the Main Courthouse event.

**Judge Daliah Weiss** delivered the appreciation speech to the volunteers at the South County event. Dr. Scott Fronrath was the guest speaker for both events and provided a presentation on “Identity Theft.” The presentation addressed ideas to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of identity theft.



above: Judicial Assistant Gloria Lozano, Volunteer, Judge Daliah Weiss.

right: Chief Judge Peter Blanc thanks the volunteers at the Main Judicial Complex



left: Court Administration human resources staff, Rosa Diaz, Will Hutchings, Germaine English



left: Volunteers Joyce Danielson, Blanche Weiss, Adele Nosowitz.

Will Hutchings thanks Therapy Dog handlers Pat Boyd (l) and Susan Goldsmith (r)



above: Dr. Scott Fronrath presents to the volunteers at the South County Courthouse.



## WELCOME TO THE CIRCUIT

### October Hires:

Jenna Murphy - Foreclosure Secretary  
Hutchinson Floyd - Family Case Manager  
Matt O'Kell - Foreclosure Case Manager

### November Hires:

Roody Barthelemy - Creole Court Interpreter  
Arabah Hamilton - Electronic Transcriber  
Saiidia Johnson - Foreclosure Case Manager

### December Hires:

Joey Everett - Human Resources Coordinator  
Carol Nettles - Judicial Assistant

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

Administrative Orders amended October 1-December 31, 2012:

2.310-10/12, Service by Email  
12-12.509-10/12, Reset of Foreclosure Sales Canceled Due to Tropical Storm Isaac on August 27, 2012 and August 28, 2012  
11.109-10/12, Duty Judge Roster  
3.301-11/12, Foreclosure Sales and Cancellation of Foreclosure Sales  
11.103-12/12, Judicial Seniority  
8.101-12/12, Appeals from County Court and Local Administrative Agencies; Petitions for Extraordinary Writ  
3.907-12/12, Palm Beach County Wage Dispute Docket / and Creation of "WD" Division  
3.606-12/12, County Civil Cover Sheet

For updates to the latest Administrative Orders (AO's) for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, please see our website at:  
<http://15thcircuit.co.palm-beach.fl.us/web/guest/ao>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January

7-11 Florida Judicial College (I)

### March

1 Annual Bench-Bar Conference  
11-16 Florida Judicial College (II)  
22 Judge Gillen Investiture

## COURT HOLIDAYS JANUARY– APRIL 2013

### January

1 New Years' Day  
21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

### February

18 Presidents' Day

### March

29 Good Friday



The Annual Court Administration Holiday Party was held on Thursday December 9.

